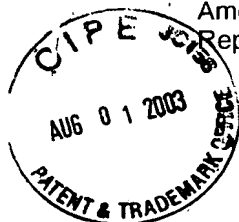


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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2003. The three month response period expired on April 30, 2003. Applicant's attorney hereby requests a three month extension of time to extend the response period through July 31, 2003. A check in the amount of \$1,104 is enclosed to include the amounts of \$930 for a three month extension and \$174 for five additional total claims which includes two additional independent claims.

In response to the Office action of January 31, 2003, paper no. 11, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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